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CIA Chief in Saigon Is Recalled

The Central Intelligence Agency's chief in South Viet Nam has been ordered back to Washington "for consultations" with top officials.

The recall of the intelligence official, John H. Richardson, comes amid published reports recently of a conflict between the CIA and the American Embassy in Saigon over the United States role in the concurrent guerrilla war and domestic political crisis in South Viet Nam.

NO RETURN

Informed sources said there was no immediate indication that Mr. Richardson would return to the Saigon post.

Scripps Howard columnist Richard Starnes put the spotlight on the CIA Embassy in Saigon and said earlier this week:

The reports have indicated disagreement between new American Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge and Mr. Richardson's CIA operatives, as well as U. S. military leaders. Mr. Lodge has been represented as feeling that the political crisis and the conduct of guerrilla war are closely related.

The Saigon reports have indicated that the CIA favored co-operation with the government of President Ngo Dinh Diem.

The view of some military leaders has been that the United States should concern itself only with helping the South Viet Namese win the guerrilla war with communists and stay out of the domestic situation.

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